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ALLIES FORMALLY REJECT PEACE PROPOSALS

MOMENTOUS SCENE ENACTED IN THE BRITISH HUUSE UF CUMMUNS

Premier George Performs the First Act of His Administration.

OUESTIONS SINCERITY

And Points Our Acts That Deny Desire for Peace-Severe Indictment.

PARIS, Dec. 19 .- Premier Briand announced in the Senate today that the Entente allies would send to-morrow a concerted reply making known "to the Central powers that it is impossible to take their request for peace seriously."

LONDON, Dec. 19 .- The announcement in the House of Commons to-day by David Lloyd George, the new prime minister, that the first act of his ad-

they must know that Germany was prepared to accede to the allies' terms giving "complete restitution," "full reparation and effectual guarantees," "and to enter a conference upon the invitation of Germany, proclaiming herself victorious, without any knowledge of her proposals, would be putiting our heads into a noose with the end of the rope in Germany's hands."

Mr. Lloyd George asserted that at the moment Germany was penning the note assuring her convictions as to the rights of other nations, she was dragging Belgians into slavery. He announced that the note presented through Washington contained no proposals of terms, but was a paraphrase of Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg's speech, and that the allies had sepasory was proved.

Mr. Asquith the former premier, seconded Mr. Lloyd George's decision with even stronger words, and almost at the same moment Earl Curzon was informing the lords that the govern-ment would enter no conference that did not guarantee for Europe the free and independent existence of nations and independent existence of hadrons great and small. The Marquis of Crewe affirmed the approval of the members of the late government.

The day was a doubly important one

for the commons, because the new premier unfolded his program for widereaching war measures, and Mr. Asquith closed he last chapter of his nine years of leadership with an accounting of his war stewardship.

The principal feature of Mr. Lloyd
George's program is a measure for natural service matching Germany's latest statement, whereby every citizen will be eligible for enrollment, to

MUST MAKE STAND OR CROSS DANUBE

Germans Capture Over 1,000 Men and Much Provisions -Quiet Elsewhere.

tion from Berlin says that in Dobrudja military service since the recommen-the Russians have retreated past their dations of the general staff for univernewly fortified positions in the north, sal service legislation were submit-and that the Teutonic allies are now ted. It is understood the plan under advancing toward the lower Danube, consideration contemplates the mak-Aside from the announcement of ing of an inventory of men in the the capture of more than a thousand Russians and Rumanians, and the tak-trial resources, and devising a means Russians and Rumanians, and the tak-ing of numerous vehicles loaded with provisions, no mention is made by Berlin of the advance in Moldavia. In the Carpathians the Russian and

In all the other theatres artillery engagements preponderate, only small infantry actions having taken place anywhere. Berlin records attacks fa-vorable to Turks and Bulgarians in the Staruma region of the Macedonian

On the right bank of the Meuse riv-On the right bank of the Meuse riv-er, in the Verdun sector, the French and the Germans throughout to-day fought spirited artillery duels, espe-cially near Bezonvaux the Caurieres Wood and Chambrettes. The infantry of neither side left their trenches.

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VOTE TODAY ON THE PROHIBITION BILL

OF GERMAN EMPEROR REFERENDUM PLAN LOST ON TIE VOTE

> Underwood to Ask for Separate Vote When Bill Comes Up for Final Action.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19-The way was cleared in the Senate today for a final vote on Senator Sheppard's bill for prohibition in the District of Columbia, and unless there is an unexpected filibuster it will be put on passage tomorrow, Friends of the measure expect it to pass.

The main fight came over Senator Underwood's amendment providing a referendum of the question to district residents. After many minor changes minister, that the first act of his act ministration was the rejection of the proposal of the Ceneral powers for a peace conference constituted one of the most momentous scenes which the oldest parliamentary veterans had ever witnessed.

The new premier declared that before the allies could give favorable consideration to such an invitation they must know that Germany was prepared to accede to the allies' terms

residents. After many minor changes had been made in its phraseology the amendment was beaten in committee of the whole 38 to 38. Senator Underwood gave notice that he would ask for a separate vote on it when the final action. Advocates of the referendum still were hopeful tonight that the necessary majority could be found.

There is little chance that the tie

the rights of other nations she was dragging Belgians into slavery. He announced that the note presented through Washington contained no proposals of terms, but was a paraphrase of Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg's speech, and that the allies had separately concluded to reject it, although they had informally exchanged views and would within a few days present a joint reply.

Asquith in Line.

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IS PLEA OF WAR

pulsory Service But Thinks Guard Should Show Worth.

latest statement, whereby every cittzen will be eligible for enrollment, to
perform work for which the authorities consider him best equipped.

Other Neville Chamberlain, mayor
of Birmingham, and a member of the
famous family whose energy and busness capacity are rated high, will be
ing opponents of the present volunteer civil and military directors responsible to him.

The Premier prefaced his review of the situation by the statement that Britons did their best in time of danger, that the country should be told unpleasant facts, and that he would (Continued on Page 1982).

his views on compulsory military service Secretary Baker said:
"The obligation to serve the country is a universal one. The question of how to bring about preparation for national defense is one of policy rather than theory. Whether universal military service or a selective conscrip-tion is the correct answer, I do not know. The theory of a common in-terest in a common country will be satisfied by a method of selecting soldiers that was not voluntary in character

The Secretary told the committee, however, that since Congress had rejected the continental army plan in favor of the National Guard system, he believed the guard should be given, a fair trial. He inclined to the view that regiments returning from the bor-der would be held together by the ex-The Russian and Rumanian troops who have been in retreat before the Teutonic allies in Dobrudja seemingly now are at a point where they either must make a stand or cross the Danube into Southwest Bessarabia or into Moldavia, in the region of Galatz. The latest official communication from Berlin says that in Dobrudja the question of the proper basis of the recommentation from Berlin says that in Dobrudja the question of the proper basis of the military service since the recommentation from Berlin says that in Dobrudja the question of the proper basis of the military service since the recommentation from Berlin says that in Dobrudja the question of the proper basis of the military service since the recommentation from Berlin says that in Dobrudja the perience through which they had passed, and that officers and men of the knowledge they had gained to work for greater efficiency. He did not amplify his suggestion in regard to selective conscription. It is known, however, that he has been studying the question of the proper basis of the military service since the recommentation from Berlin says that in Dobrudja seemingwhereby every citizen would be made liable in a war emergency for the

(Continued on Page Ten.) Teutonic allied forces continue fighting, but with no great victories falling West Va. Will Not Be to either side. Dry on Christmas Day

HUNTINGTON. W. Va., Dec. 19.—
Two hundred thousand quarts of liquor will be used to make West. Virginia's Christmas egg-nogg, it is conservatively estimated by salconiasts, and in the communication had been ordered in neighboring Kentucky cities, who have been experiencing a record break. Significantly a stated, and all of the men who signed in neighboring the past few days. Significantly and the communication had been ordered to be in camp when called before the camp to be in camp was placed under arrest, it was said.

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Retaliatory Measures.
LONDON, Dec. 19, 9:30 p. m.—A dispatch to Reuter's Telegram Company, from Petrograd, says:

"It is announced that Russia recent"

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have been experiencing a record break-ling trade during the past few days. Suit cases filled with liquor are being carried into the state by trains, automobiles and interurbans. The Chesapeake & Ohio's "booze Special" is now peake & Ohio's

GETTING READY FOR CHRISTMAS.



REPLY OF ALLIES German Embassy Optimistic

and Believes Germany Will

shown that any positive action by the United States toward mediation not only would be premature but might embarrass such action later. It was stated authoritatively to-It was stated authoritatively to cellor become so sensitive to the dicnight that for the present the United tates of humanity?

"We must look elsewhere for the states would act only as an intermetransmitting communications.

diary transmitting comp between the belligerents. The German embassy interprets sity. tente, from the Teutonic viewpoint, has done all expected of it and has has done all expected of it and has brought the idea of a peace conference one step nearer realization.

"It appears from the British Premier's speech" said Count Von Bernstorff, the German ambassador, in an authorized statement, "that the answer of Great Britain will not end the matter. To me it looks as if there will be at least one more exchange.

ture and not of the past." Not A Flat Refusal brought about conditions under ter of regret to leave unfinished the, which peace was morally wrong. Nev. task for which he had labored so long, ertheless, with this predicted diplo-matic move out of the way, officials gist for the late government, and he foresee the opportunity, almost the denied that there had been slackness invitation, for Germany to make an on its part

did not that reliase to either in a larm. But the difficulties will not be deprecated the suggestion that definite peace terms might be set forth in mistake bustle for business and vehence for strength, by short cuts or series of cours de main.

(Continued on Page Ten) **BUT WAS INTERCEPTED**

Bell Jr., here today that a "round robin" had been drawn by more than 300 men of the Eighth Ohio Infantry protesting against camp conditions. This communication was intercepted entangled and relative to Ohio, it was stated and relative to the communication that the case of ocie Richards of Reynolds route to Ohio, it was stated and relative to the communication of sixty cents. EL PASO, Tex., Dec. 19-It was ad

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19—The first lations, which he did with all his heart, official impression here of Lloyd to Mr. Lloyd George upon his accession to the highest and most important proposals, with the announcements of Russis, Italy and France, is that it

have suggested.

This view is held by officials of the administration and of the Germiliar dialect of Prussian arrogance. But how comes it after two years of A OF WAR

Official Washington practically is war that a power which professes unanimous however, in the opinion tall time to war that a power which professes that the British premier's speech has per—nav even to should be all the professes.

The German embassy interprets sity. We all yearn for peace, but it the British Premier's speech as opening the door to a further discussion, although the German diplomats make patched-up, precarious compromise. It must be a peace that achieves the purtainty regarding the outcome of such negotiations. They feel however, that if the note replying to the German communication follows the tender of the Premier's speech, the Enternal of the propose of the premier's speech, the Enternal of the premier's speech as opening the an honorable, not a shame-faced, peace. There must be no patched-up, precarious compromise. It must be a peace that achieves the purpose for which we entered the war. Such a peace we would gladly accept. Anything short of it we are bound to repudiate by every obligation of honorable and the premier's speech the

will be at least one more exchange them say so."

of notes, which will talk of the fu- Mr. Asquith in congratulating Mr.

Mr. Asquith, in congratulating Mr. George said that it he spoke from where he did it was not because he The Allies responses are viewed by administration officials, not as a flat refusal but as the answer most to be expected from a group of belligerents eager to throw back on their adversaries in a world diplomatic struggle for public opinion, all the anus of having caused the war and of having tinued Mr. Asquith, it was also a mathrought about conditions under ter of regret to leave unfinished the

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a series of coups de main.
"I agree with Mr. Lloyd George
about Rumania; it has been a bad business, and it is impossible to apportion the degree of responsibility therefor. But it is a good illustration of the urgent necessity of more intimate cooperation."

INVOLUNTARY MANSLAUGHTER. Special Dispatch to the Intelligences

tary of Interior Lane and his col- war, leagues on the Mexican-American FRENCH SENATOR proposals, with the announcements of made a brief, but pointed, reference does not foreclose further moves which might lead to a discussion of peace such as the Central Powers have suggested.

ant office in the service of the Crown, made a brief, but pointed, reference al Carranza today the responsibility of deciding whether the American government should continue its efforts to effect a satisfactory and have suggested. of deciding whether the American government should continue its ef-forts to effect a satisfactory and amicable adjustments of the

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or that would be incompatible with evoked much applause. The ideals of his government. The Mexicans appeared almost equally may bring out the minimum bases of spoke of the general situation, saycontention. and that shortly after the beginning

WITH BLOCKING ITS CUMP

U. S. EMPLOYES TO **GET WAGE INCREASE**

HOUSE PASSES BILL

Rep. Rainey Opposed Measure Due to the Financial Condition of Country.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19 .- Salary or wage increase of from 5 to 10 per cent for about 16,000 government employes receiving less than \$1,800 a year and of \$500 a year for each representative's secretary which were provided for in the legislative, executive and for in the legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill passed today in the house without a record vote. The secretaries now get \$1,500 a year. An attempt to provide each representative with an extra stenographer at \$75 a month during the session failed.

Discussion of the measure, which

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 19—Secretiencing as a result of the European and Eastern.

CRITICISES CABINET

possals from Germany. True, these proposals are wrapped up with the same so-called peace proposals are wrapped up with the same and an included of Prussian arrogance. War that a power which professes war that a power which professe

The message of the Americans was may be judged more worthy than I. in reply to that presented by the But I ask you with the system emMexicans when they reconvened here ployed up to this time what governyesterday. The communication of ment could resist. As for me, I have
the Mexicans was not signed by Mr. gone more than 44 times before the Carranza but his spokesman made it committees (each committee com-clear that it was an aut prized state- posed of 44 members), and lately was ment of his attitude and the reply detained ten entire days in secret sesigiven by the Americans today is understood to have been addressed to under these conditions, how a president of the Maxican commissioners although dent of the cabinet can be a 'war intended for their executive.

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MARINA WAS NOT IN THE BRITISH SERVICE

department today had furnished complete information showing that the British horse ship Marina, sunk without warning by a German submarine with the loss of six Americans, was not at the time and had not been before in British charter or willing to sell at a fair valuation;

Engineer Jacobus Star Witness for Wheeling, Ohio & Eastern Company.

LOCATIONS CHANGED AT STRATEGIC POINT

WITHOUT RECORD VOTE Produces Maps to Show Where Alterations Were Made in the Surveys.

That the Wheeling Coal railroad, obviously for the purpose of blocking the construction of the Wheeling. Ohio and Eastern railroad, deliberately changed the location of its right-of-way center through certain lands in Marshall county, particularly the John A. Moore and McCreary farms, to a location less advantageous for purposes of construction, and purchased strips of land far in excess of the width necessary to construct a standard guage railroad, was the gist of the testimony submitted to Judge H. C. Hervey yesterday in the suit of the Wheeling, Ohio and Eastern against the Wheeling Coalrailroad for legal title to the right-of-way necessary for the construction of the Wheeling, Ohio and Eastern. In this connection, Attorney Chas. Ohio and Eastern railroad, deliberately changed the location of its

LOADING CHRISTMAS TREES

OWN. FLOW SERVEL.

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AFTER FELICITATING

THE NEW PREMIER

Has No Apologies to Make for Old Government—

PLOY OF ALLIES

LEAVES DOOR OPEN THE NEW PREMIER

Has No Apologies to Make for Old Government—

Pledges Support.

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Tells Of Road's Organization
W. M. Jacobus, of New York Citychief engineer for the Wheeling, Ohio
and Eastern railroad, was the star chief engineer for the Wheeling, Omboand Eastern railroad, was, the star-against the Wheeling, Ohio and East-ern. A foundation for his testimohy was laid in the evidence of Thomas H. Swartz, secretary of the Wheeling, Ohio and Eastern, who testified of

CONTROL RADIUS IN BILL INTRODUCED

TO REVISE RADIO LAWS All Companies Must Be Amer-

ican Owned and Controlled —To Urge Passage.

washington, Dec. 19—First steps toward ultimate government control of all radio communications between the United States, its outlying possessions and ships at sea are proposed in an administration bill laid before Congress today, providing for a sweeping revision of the laws regulating wireless stations.

The proposal is in line with a plan worked out nearly a year ago by navy wireless experts and endorsed by Secretary Daniels and other administration officials in an informal sug-

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 19.—Announcement was made at the state department today that Great Britain had furnished complete information showing that the British horse shin Marine and the Western ham.

BOSTON, Dec. 19—Boston today of the licensed sale of liquor after the liveliest campaign on the liquor question that the city has had in years. The vote in favor of license was 53,459 with 29,997 against. Last year the vote for license was 46,115 and 31,887 against. The total vote was the largest ever cast here on the license question, which overshadowed all other issues in the campaign.

Women holding banners bearing license was of small children and the plctures of small children and the cinity of most of the polling booths. Motor trucks and brewery wagons are contained to the polling booths. Motor trucks and brewery wagons are contained to the privileges of a private water in the campaign.

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Germany recently informed the United States would be required under the bill to bring at least two-thirds of its stock under American son its board of directors. No alien would be licensed as an operating the days ago sent to Germany a state of national defense willing to sell at a fair valuation; would permit government of nations, which is the desaction.

As an initial step the measure real would permit government-owned plants to be opened for private commercial business; and in the interest of national defense would throw restrictions about the participation of aliens in the control or operation of the control or operation of the control wireless. American wireless. Every private concern operating in the United States would be required under the bill to bring at least two-thirds of its stock under American ownership and to have a two-thirds majority of Americans on its board of directors. No alien would be licensed as an operator in any land plant on American

territory.

The bill, drafter by representatives of the several executive departments interested was introduced in the Senate by Senator Fletcher, a member of the Commerce Commission and in the House by Representative Alexan der, chairman of the Merchant Ma-rine Committee. The expectation is that it will be pressed for passage during the present short se